



BEARFACTS 1997 – 2007

Bell , Kentucky [21013]

Bell is one of 120 counties in Kentucky. It is part of the Middlesborough, KY Micropolitan SA. Its 2007 population of 28,993 ranked 37th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2007 Bell had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$21,167. This PCPI ranked 92nd in the state and was 69 percent of the state average, \$30,824, and 55 percent of the national average, \$38,615. The 2007 PCPI reflected an increase of 4.2 percent from 2006. The 2006-2007 state change was 4.3 percent and the national change was 4.9 percent. In 1997 the PCPI of Bell was \$14,600 and ranked 94th in the state. The 1997-2007 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.0 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2007 Bell had a total personal income (TPI) of \$613,700*. This TPI ranked 44th in the state and accounted for 0.5 percent of the state total. In 1997 the TPI of Bell was \$446,656* and ranked 41st in the state. The 2007 TPI reflected an increase of 3.8 percent from 2006. The 2006-2007 state change was 5.3 percent and the national change was 6.0 percent. The 1997-2007 average annual growth rate of TPI was 3.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.7 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Bell. In 2007 net earnings accounted for 48.4 percent of TPI (compared with 47.9 in 1997); dividends, interest, and rent were 9.0 percent (compared with 15.1 in 1997); and personal current transfer receipts were 42.5 percent (compared with 37.0 in 1997). From 2006 to 2007 net earnings increased 2.6 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 4.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.1 percent. From 1997 to 2007 net earnings increased on average 3.3 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent decreased on average 2.0 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.7 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Bell increased from \$377,497* in 2006 to \$388,743* in 2007, an increase of 3.0 percent. The 2006-2007 state change was 4.3 percent and the national change was 4.9 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1997 estimate of \$291,066* to the 2007 estimate was 2.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.9 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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